

WHO'S WHO – EOPS and CARE Founders

State Senator Alfred E. Alquist

Author of Senate Bill 164, Statutes of 1969, Legislation That Established EOPS



Senator Alfred E. Alquist was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 2, 1908, the eldest son of eight children of a Swedish immigrant who worked for the railroads. Alquist himself began a 40-year career working for the railroads at the age of 11, carrying water to railroad work crews and eventually working his way up as a timekeeper, switchman, brakeman and conductor. After serving as an Army Air Corps instructor in WWII, Alquist and his first wife, Mai, to whom he was married for 55 years, settled in San Jose with their son, Alan. He worked as a yardmaster for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

He served in the California Legislature for 34 years proudly representing Santa Clara County. He was elected to the Assembly in 1962 where he served for four years and then to the Senate in 1966 where he served for 30 years. Senator Alquist's career in the California Legislature was marked by his strong support for unions, labor, the railroads, education, and the 13th Senate District. A pragmatic New Deal Democrat, he earned a reputation for helping the poor and representing the interests of labor. When term limits forced him to retire in 1996, he was the Legislature's ranking member. Among his numerous legislative accomplishments were:

- Championing the creation of the **Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS)** in **1969**.
- Creating the Seismic Safety Commission in 1972.
- Creating the California Energy Commission in 1974 to develop alternative energy sources, among other things.
- Creating the Department of Information Technology in 1996.
- Reforming California's "Unitary Tax Method" in 1986.

A forceful and savvy state legislator, Senator Alquist chaired the powerful Senate Finance Committee for 15 years. He also routinely chaired the two-house conference committee that wrote the final version of the state budget before it went to the Assembly and Senate floors.

A state office building in downtown San Jose is named for him. His wife Senator Elaine Alquist now represents the same 13th Senate District as her husband did. He passed away at age 97 in 2006.

William Chavez
Capitol Staffer, Consultant and Advocate



Raised in Visalia in the Central Valley, **William "Bill" Chavez** was one of the most respected and admired young Latino leaders in California. For EOPS and CARE, Bill was a courageous advocate who had been involved in every effort to expand educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth and adults, including the passage of two significant bills: Assembly Bill 3103 (Hughes), which established the CARE program in 1982, and Assembly Bill 602, which provided the Board Financial Assistance Program (BFAP) Administrative Allowance in 1985. As the first state-funded program of its kind in California and the nation, CARE recognizes the unique educational and personal aspirations of welfare-dependent single parents who seek a college education. The BFAP Administrative Allowance provides state funding for community colleges to administer a program that waives enrollment fees for low income students.

For more than twenty years, Bill worked in progressively more responsible positions in public policy, finance and administration in the State Legislature and local school districts. Bill was a trusted and knowledgeable consultant who worked closely with Assemblywoman Teresa Hughes, Assemblyman (now Senator) John Vasconcellos and Assemblyman Bob Campbell in the Legislature where he was a Program Analyst with the Office of the Legislative Analyst, Consultant to the Assembly Higher Education Subcommittee and Chief Consultant to the Assembly Education Committee. Bill also served as Director of the California State Senate Democratic Caucus and Chief of Staff to Senate Majority Leader Richard Polanco.

When he left the Capitol, Bill became President of Strategic Education Services (SES), one of California's most influential lobbying and consulting firms specializing in governmental and community relations, public sector application of new technologies, children's services, and numerous educational interests, including community colleges and K through 12 school districts.

Bill was appointed as a member of the California Student Aid Commission, served as a founding member of the Chicano-Latino Youth Leadership Project and was active with The Friends of Camp Sacramento Board of Directors and the University of California Santa Cruz Foundation. He earned a B.A. degree with Honors in politics from Merrill College at the University of California Santa Cruz and studied at the University of Southern California Graduate School of Education.

Although Bill passed away after a long illness at the age of 49 in January 2004, his two school-age sons Nicholas and Henri are very proud of their father's accomplishments, commitment and passion for empowering Latino and poor students to fulfill their dreams and aspirations.

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Blanche G. Goldstein

Founding Mother and Guiding Spirit of CARE



Blanche Goldstein was a native Sacramentan, a lifelong social worker, philanthropist and respected political activist. She truly believed in giving unto others and loving her neighbor. With her abundant energy, drive and a loving dedication to help the less fortunate in the community, Blanche opened her heart and her home to many people. Together with her beloved husband Frank and their children, David, Michael and Laurie, Blanche and her family have contributed generously, tirelessly and unselfishly in all respects to further social justice, political empowerment, human rights and education.

Blanche holds a special place in the hearts of all EOPS/CARE staff and students throughout California. In 1977, Blanche founded the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) program as a special project of EOPS at Imperial Valley College. By 1982, CARE was established in a dozen more community colleges. Today there are 113 CARE programs in every community college throughout the state with over 11,000 students served annually.

CARE is the first and largest state-funded program of its kind in the nation and is unique to California and the community colleges system. Over 180,000 women and men have been assisted by the CARE program since its founding. The program is symbolic of the state's commitment to provide college education and job training to low income single parents. More importantly, CARE encourages the women and men participating in the program to believe that they and their children are important, that they are capable, and with proper support, they can break the cycle of welfare dependency and become self-sufficient. Blanche was not only the founder of the CARE program, but also its heart and soul.

A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Blanche had a distinguished professional career and active community life. She served as Deputy Director of the California Department of Social Services for eight years under Governor Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr.; formed the Camellia Day Care Center at the Women's Community Civic Center; obtained a grant for bilingual education and job training for the Chinese Community Center Association; volunteered as a social worker and fundraiser for Wellspring, a center for homeless women; chaired the women's division of the California Democratic Party; raised funds for voter registration and worked to pass the Equal Rights Amendment through the State Legislature; and represented the Sacramento community through McClellan Air Force Base at the War College where the SALT treaties were conceived. Blanche was president of the Mercy Children's Hospital Guild and the Sacramento Hadassah, the women's division of the Jewish Federation; and a member of the League of Women Voters, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Mexican American Political Association, Sacramento Opera Association, Sacramento Symphony League, Crocker Art Museum, and the United Way.

Blanche led an exemplary life of giving unto others unconditionally by working devotedly to enhance the lives of the aged, low income, welfare-dependent, homeless, and disenfranchised people through her professional life, community volunteerism and philanthropic efforts.

Blanche passed away at the age of 86 in November 2003. For the many thousands of CARE students who have graduated from or are currently attending California's community colleges and who, along with her loving children and grandchildren, are her living legacy, Blanche Goldstein will remain an inspiration, guiding light and shining star who truly did make right the world.

State Senator Teresa P. Hughes

Author of Assembly Bill 3103, Statutes of 1982, Legislation That Established CARE



Dr. Teresa P. Hughes passed away on November 15, 2011. Among her numerous accomplishments during a life in which she was a distinguished educator, an outstanding legislator who represented the Los Angeles area in both the California State Assembly and State Senate, an outspoken advocate for civil rights and social justice, and an exemplary role model for women and African Americans, Dr. Hughes will be remembered fondly by her EOPS/CARE family.

In 1982, then-Assemblywoman Hughes authored Assembly Bill 3103, which established the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) program in California's community colleges. CARE became the first statewide program of its kind in the nation to offer college opportunities and educational support to help welfare-dependent women and men transition from welfare-dependency to employment and eventual self-sufficiency. As envisioned by Dr. Hughes, the CARE program was to help "welfare recipients become convinced that they and their children are important, that they are capable, and that with proper support they can break the welfare dependency cycle through education and job training."

Today there are 113 CARE programs in California. For over 30 years, more than 200,000 women and men have been assisted by CARE, many of whom are currently community college EOPS directors, CARE coordinators, EOPS/CARE counselors, program specialists, faculty, and higher education professionals who continue to motivate and encourage new students to courageously seek a better life for themselves and their children. We will always fondly remember and appreciate Dr. Hughes for her devotion and leadership in empowering low income families.

Born in New York City, Dr. Hughes earned a B.A. in Physiology and Public Health and completed her graduate work in Sociology at Hunter College. She received her M.A. in Education Administration at New York University, and a Ph.D. in Education Administration at Claremont Graduate School. Dr. Hughes served in the California State Senate from 1992 to 2000 after serving for seventeen years in the State Assembly. She was appointed to the California Medical Assistance Commission by Senate President Pro Tem John Burton in January 2001. She was also a former legislative and education consultant to the State Commission on Teacher Credentialing and Professor of Education at California State University, Los Angeles.

Among her many achievements were legislation that established:

- **Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) program in 1982.**
- Hughes Earthquake Safety Act of 1987.
- Hughes-Hart Education Reform Act of 1983.
- Conflict Resolution and School Violence Reduction Program.
- Public safety laws creating gang and drug prevention programs in public schools; increasing prison terms for gang-related drive-by shootings; and instituting a training program for prosecutors on gang-related crimes.

- Health laws providing funding to research lupus and high blood pressure; protecting physicians from civil and criminal liabilities for informing the spouse of a patient of a positive test result for the AIDS antibodies; and adequate compensation for developmental disabilities work-activity programs.
- Consumer interest laws for funds to construct or rehabilitate low and moderate income housing; addressing anti-redlining for home loans; and provision of adequate notices before a person loses their home due to foreclosure.
- Creation of Los Angeles County High School for the Arts and California Museum of Afro-American History and Culture in Los Angeles and funding to reconstruct the California Museum of Science and Industry.

As testimony to her legislative leadership role, Senator Hughes was the first chairperson of the California Legislative Black Caucus and the California Women Legislators Caucus, and first woman and first Afro-American to serve on the Senate Rules Committee.

Senator Hughes was the founder of Aware Women, an active member of the California State Employees Association, California Teachers Association, Coalition of Labor Union Women, and Delta Sigma Theta. She is on the Board of Directors for the local Coalition of One Hundred Black Women and the Black Agenda. In November 1988, the Los Angeles Unified School District honored Dr. Hughes by dedicating and renaming an elementary school the "Teresa Hughes Elementary School" in the City of Cudahy.